



17-02-2025
Total pilgrims : 60,784
Tonsures : 25,521
Hundi kanukalu : 3.29 Cr
Waiting Compartments : 20
Approx. Darshan Time for
Sanvadarshanam (with out
SSD Tokens

TG signs MoU with Brazil's GOIAS Hub for startups



Hyderabad, Feb 18 (TSIT): The Telangana Government has entered into a strategic partnership to promote startups by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Brazil's GOIAS Hub. The agreement was formalized during a meeting held at the HICC on Tuesday, attended by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and IT Minister Sridhar Babu, who engaged in talks with representatives from GOIAS Hub.Following the discussions, the MoU was signed by T-Hub Foundation CEO Sujith and GOIAS State Science Technology and Innovation

Secretary Jose Frederico Lyra Netto. The collaboration aims to foster a mutually beneficial relationship, providing opportunities for Telangana startups to expand into Brazil while encouraging Brazilian startups to establish operations in Telangana.The partnership will focus on key sectors such as Artificial Intelligence, IT, Agri-Tech, Healthcare, Biotech, and Mining. Both T-Hub and GOIAS Hub will work together on crucial initiatives, including capacity building, incubation, technology sharing, and enhancing investment opportunities.

यूनियन बैंक **Union Bank of India** **ASSET RECOVERY BRANC**
#249/3RT, 1 floor, S.R.Nagar Main Road, Hyderabad, Telangana-500038.

NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE (30 DAYS NOTICE) (RULE 6 (2)(b) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002)
To: 1) M/S Venkateshwara Industries, Survey No: 207 & 208, D.No: 2-137 & 2-137 A, Hasnapur Village, Bhoothpur Mandal, Mahabubnagar District-509382
2) Nukala Ramesh Babu (Managing Partner) M/S Venkateshwara Industries H.No: 1-89, Annasagar Village, Bhoothpur Mandal, Mahabubnagar District- Telangan 509382. 3) Nukala Umadevi (Partner) H.No:1-89/1, Annasagar Bhoothpur Mandi: Mahububnagar District, Telangana-509382. 4) Nukala Anjaneyulu (Partner) S/o. Lingalah, H.No:1-89/1, Annasagar Village, Bhoothpur Mandal, Mahabubnagar District-509382. 5) N Kanya Kumari (Partner) D/o N Chandra Mouli, H.No: 1-8 Annasagar Village,Bhoothpur Mandal, Mahabubnagar, Telangana - 509382.

Sir/Madam,
Sub: Sale of property belonging to M/S Venkateshwara Industries represented by Partners 1. Nukala Ramesh Babu, 2. Nukala Umadevi, 3. Nukala Anjaneyulu 4. N Kanya Kumari. For realization of amount due to Bank under the SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch (the account subsequently transferred from Mahabubnagar branch to Asset Recovery Branch, #249/3RT, 1st floor, Ma Road, S.R. Nagar, Hyderabad 500038).Telangana the secured creditor, caused demand notice dated 02-08-2018 under Section 13(2) of the Securitization or Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 200 calling upon you to pay the dues within the time stipulated therein. Since you fail to comply the said notice within the period stipulated, the Authorized Officer, h taken possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the A read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 11-01-2018. Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to bank. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned proper by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Pri of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.

Therefore, if you pay the amount due an amount of **Rs.10,32,64,726.00/- (Rupees Ten Crores Thirty Two lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty Six Rupees Only)** to the bank along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by the bank as on 31-12-2024 before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec. 13 (8) of the Act.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY
Immovable property being in all that piece and parcel of rice mill property consisting of factory land measuring Ac.5.20 guntas, Buildings, sheds, Plant and machinery thereon situated at survey No. 207 and 208, D. No: 2-137 & 2-137A, Hasnapur Village, and G.P Bhoothpur Mandal, Mahabubnagar District, Telangana.

Property description as specified in the Sale Deed 3719/2005, 3720/2005, 3721/2005 and 3722/2005 dated 15/09/2005.
Boundries: As per Doc No: 3719/2005 - On the North : Land in Sy.No.202 of Mr. Sheshadri, On the South: Land of Golla Yellappa, On the East: Remaining land in Sy.No: 207 of Golla Bheemanna and Others and land in 208 of Venkateshwara Industries, On the West: Land in Sy.No.203 of Karrenna

As per Doc No: 3720/2005 - On the North: Land in Sy.No.202 of Mr. Sheshadri, On the South: Land of Golla Yellappa, On the East: NH 7 Hyderabad to Kurnool, On the West: Land in Sy.No.208 of M/S Venkateshwara Industries.

As per Doc No: 3721/2005 - On the North: Land in Sy.No.202 of Mr. Sheshadri, On the South: Land of Golla Yellappa, On the East: Land in Sy.No: 207 of Golla Bheemanna and Others, On the west: Land in Sy.No.203 of Karrenna.

As per Doc No: 3722/2005 - On the North: Land of Venkateshwara Industries, On the South: Land of Venkateshwara Industries, On the East: Land in Sy.No: 207 of Golla Bheemanna and Others, On the west: Land of Venkateshwara Industries.

Date: 14.02.2025 Chief Manager & Authorized Officer
Place: Hyderabad Union Bank of India

यूनियन बैंक **Union Bank of India** **BHARATHI NAGAR BRANCH-(64060)**
D.No: 54-15-9/1, Service Road, Bharathinagar, Ring road, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE (30 DAYS NOTICE) (RULE 6(2)(b) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002)
Borrower(s)/Co-borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s):
Borrowers:- 1) Mrs. Grandhi Anuradha, Mr. Grandhi Siva Rama Chakravarthy, Accounts and office Manager in GV & Co, Chartered Accountant, Flat No 1005, Minar Apartments, Dekkan Towers, Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad, Telangana-500029. 2) Mrs. Grandhi Anuradha, Mr. Grandhi Siva Rama Chakravarthy, Flat No 503, 4 th Floor, Vaishali Enclave, Bypass Road, Near Gas Godown, Kankipadu Village and Panchayat, Kankipadu Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh-521151. 3) Mrs. Grandhi Anuradha, Mr. Grandhi Siva Rama Chakravarthy, Flat No.8417, Janapriya Metropolis, Erragadda, Sanath Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana-500018.
Sub-Sale of property belonging to Mrs. Grandhi Anuradha for realization of amount due to Union Bank of India, Bharathi Nagar Branch (64060), under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.

Whereas you have defaulted to pay the amount due from you ir spite of demand made by me/Bank through Demand Notice U/s 13(2) dated 20.09.2022.

The Authorized Officer, in exercise of the powers conferred under the above Act, taken symbolic possession of the below mentioned property on 24-04-2023.

Even after taking possession of the property/ies, you have not paid the amount due from you to **Union Bank of India, Bharathi Nagar Branch (64060)**. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by e-auction after 30 days from the date of this notice.

The date and time of auction and the details of the service provider shall be informed through a Sale Notice which shall be issued separately, and the property/ies would be sold to the person who offers highest price.

Since, the property/ies may be sold by private sale also o obtaining quotations from persons also, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the bank and intending purchaser.

If you have any such proposal of selling the property to any person by private sale or by getting quotation, the same may be communicated to me within seven days from the date of receipt of this notice.

Failing which it will be construed that you have no such proposa and will proceed with sale of property/ies by E-Auction, as indicate above.

Please note that you may redeem the property on payment of entire amount due as specified in the Demand Notice dated 20.09.2022 with subsequent interest thereon along with cost and expenses incurred by the bank till date on or before the date of publication of notice for E-Auction, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as Stipulated in sec. 13 (8) of the Act.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Mortgage of immovable property described herein below:
Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of un divided and un specifed share of an extent of 46.94 Sq.Yds of house site out of larger extent of 4694.8 Sq.Yards, situated at RS No. 75/1B & 82/1C after sub-division, Kankipadu Village and Panchayat, Krishna District on the file of Sub-Registrar, Kankipadu and the larger extent of 4694.8 Sq.Yards of site within the following boundaries: **East:** Land of Bayana Venkata Sambasiva Rao and others, **South:** Land of Samale Kamala Kumari to some extent and land of B.Venkata sambasiva Rao and others, **West:** 200 ft wide By-Pass Road, **North:** Pant Bode for this property and property of others. **Schedule-B:** All that piece and parcel of Flat No.503, 4th Floor, flat with plinth area of 756 sq.ft, common area of 167 sq.ft, parking area of 100 sq.ft with common utilities over water, Drainage, Passages and stairs etc, a Vyshnavi Enclave constructed at larger extent of schedule-A Property and the flat within the following boundaries: **Boundaries East:** Open to Sky and stairs, **South:** Open to Sky, **West:** Commor Corridor, **North:** Open to Sky.

Date: 11-02-2025 Authorized Officer,
Place: Vijayawada Union Bank of India

CS holds review on power, water

Hyderabad Feb 18, (TSIT) : Chief Secretary Santhi Kumari held a Video Conference with District Collectors and reviewed power supply, drinking Water, Rabi Crops, Rythu Bharosa and issue of Ration Cards in the state. She informed the collectors that power availability in the state is in sufficient quantity though there will be a demand for supply in the summer in agriculture, domestic and industrial sectors. Collectors were told to monitor the situation with the power officials through teleconference on a daily



basis. The feeder wise monitoring of supply should be done and critical infrastructure such as drinking water supply or power supply in hospitals should given special emphasis. Collectors should regularly inspect the substations, she added.

Rabi Crop : Chief Secretary informed all

collectors that the water in Reservoirs is much more than last year and urged them to ensure proper monitoring. Chief Secretary informed that new ration cards will commence shortly in the districts where there is no model code of conduct.

SHRIRAM Finance
Registered Office:Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
Administrative office:6th Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-4007 10, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 15TH day of February, 2025.

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Ramchander Rao Desharaju @ Alias Rama Chander Rao Desharaju @ Alias D Ramachander @ Alias Rao Ramachander Desharaju, S/o:Prathiba Rao Desharaju, Age:51 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o:h.no Old Address: Villa No 199, Sa Palam Meadows, Near Kompally High Bay Bridge, Medchal-malkajgiri-500014, New Address: Villa No 215, Apama Palam Meadows, Laxmi Nagar, Kompally, Ranga Reddy, Telangana-500014, B/o: Director Of "anthurum Projects Private Limited", At# Sy.no 276 Part, Cheeraly Village, Keesara, Medchal-malkajgiri-501301, 9160086655. 2) D Naga Jaya Lakshmi @ Alias Desharaju Naga Jaya Lakshmi, /w:ramachander Rao D, Age: 42 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o:h.no: Old Address: Villa No 199, Sa Palam Meadows, Near Kompally High Way Bridge, Medchal-malkajgiri-500014, New Address: Villa No 215, Apama Palam Meadows, Laxmi Nagar, Kompally, Ranga Reddy, Telangana-500014, 9160088551. 3) Kanaji Raju, S/o:Jaxma Chary Kanaji @ Alias Laxmana Chary, Age: 36 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o:h.no: 30-64/1/e, Ground Floor, Bharath Nagar, Old Safilguda, Secunderabad-500040, 9515453993.Borrowers/co-borrower/guarantors/legal heirs	Rs.3061501/- (Rupees THIRTY LAKHS SIXTY ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND ONE only)

DLSKNTF2211230001 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY property Holder Name Is Smt Desharaju Naga Jaya Lakshmi, Mortgage Deed Dated 23.11.2022 Registered As Document No 16927/2022 On The File Of The Office Of Sub-registrar At Jachderla). (the Details Of The Property Are As Described In The Sale Deed Bearing Document No. 16341 Of 2022 And The Annexed Plan) All That The Open Plot Bearing No. 22, Admeasuring 200 Sq. Yards And Plot No. 23, Admeasuring 200 Sq. Yards, Total Land Admeasuring 400 Sq. Yards, In Survey No. 135/p, 137/p, 138/p, 139/p, 140/p & 141/p, Situated At Talpithary Village And Grampanchayath, Bhoothpur Revenue Mandal, Mahabubnagar District And Bounded As Follows:- Plot No. 22 (200.00 Sq. Yds.,) North : Plot No. 21, South :33 Feet Road, East: Plot No.23, West: 33 Feet Road, Plot No.23 (200.00 Sq. Yds.,) North: Plot No.24, South: 33 Feet Road, East: 33 Feet Road, West: Plot No.22.

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place: MAHABUBNAGAR. Sd/-Authorized officer,
Date : 17-02-2025. Shriram Finance Ltd.

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DEMAND NOTICE
Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, (Formerly known as Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of Interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrowers(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantors	NPA DATE: 07.06.2024	Date Of Demand Notice: 18.01.2025
1) Farhaan Abdul Rasheed, S/o: Abdul Jaleel, Age: 40 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H.No: 6-3-1177/A/13/1, B S Malkha, Ameerpet, Kundhanbagh, Begumpet, Secunderabad-500016, B/O: Proprietor of "M/s. Ammar Construction & Developers", At # 6-3-1177/A/13/1, Kundan Bagh, Begumpet, Secunderabad, 9885958067. 2) Nafees Unnisa, D/o: MD Hasan Ali, W/o: Farhaan Abdul Rasheed, Age: 32 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: Address-I: H.No: 6-3-1177/A/13/1, B S Malkha, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad-500016, Address-II # 8-2/ 618/6/1, Road No. 11, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034, 9618787700. 3) Abdul Raheem Khan, S/o: Khadeer Khan @ Alias Abdul Khader Khan, Age: 46 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H.No: 17-2-780/5, Madannapet, Saidabad (PO), Hyderabad-500059, 9940257086.Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/legal heirs	Loan Amount: Rs. 20,00,000/-	Outstanding Amount: Rs. 33,26,391/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: HMYNTTF2302290003 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY. SCHEDULE "A": All that the Portion of House Bearing G.H.M.No. 6-3-1177/A/13/1, Admeasuring 150 Sq. Yds Equivalent to 125.53 Sq. Mtrs, Situated at Maqta Bhole Saheb, Khairatabad, Hyderabad and Bounded as follows: **Towards East:** Neighbor's House Property, **Towards West:** Road, **Towards North:** Neighbor's H.No. 6-3-1177/A/12, **Towards South:** Neighbor's House, Present: (Govt School).

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Date: 18.02.2025. Authorized Officer
Place: HYDERABAD SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

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DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Shriram Finance Limited, (Formerly know as Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation dt.30-11-2022). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors	NPA DATE 08-07-2024	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE 02-01-2025	OUT STANDING AMOUNT Rs. 6702952	LOAN AMOUNT Rs. 75,00,000
1) Alluri Vijaya Lakshmi, W/o: Surendra Kumar, Age 46 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H.no: 8-3-684, Plot No: 20 And 20a, Flat No: 512, Company Limited name: Lic Colony, Near Satya Sai Nigamam, Yellareddy 5, Hyderabad-500073, Present Address: # Flat No: 1401, 14th Floor, In F-block, "raajapushpa Atria" Kokapet Village, Gandipet (m), Ranga Reddy (dist), B/o: Propriotr Of "tathasthu Interiors Designers", At # F.no: 201, Nalamata Apartments, Sri Nagar Colony, Panjagutta, Hyderabad-500082, Cell: 9849283368 2) Surendra Kumar Alluri, S/o: Sri Rama Raju, Galias Late A S Raju, Age 51 Years,occ: Self Employee, R/o: H.no: 8-3-684, Plot No: 20 And 20a, Flat No: 502, Swarna Residency, Lic Colony, Near Satya Sai Nigamam, Yellareddy Guda, Hyderabad-500073, Present Address # Flat No: 1401, 14th Floor, In F-block, "raajapushpa Atria" Kokapet Village, Gandipet (m), Ranga Reddy (dist), B/o: Propriotr Of " Shambala Dental Spa ", At # Flat No: 201, Nalamada Appartments, Sri Nagar Colony Mainroad, Yellareddyguda, Hyderabad, Present Address: 4th Floor, Plot No:04,survey No:118, Anagha Building, Jgd Near To Phoenix Greens International School, Kokapet, Hyderabad-500075, Cell: 9391031379, 9177267979 3) Rahul, S/o: Raju Laia @alias Raju, Age 34 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H.no: 14-5-06/2, D R Nasersah Colony, Musheerabad, Hyderabad-500020, B/o: Propriotr Of " Dirty Mens Wear Wholesale & Retail", At # Shop No: 15, Ground Floor, Swapna Lok Complex, Secoundrabad,cell: 8074295285. Borrowers/co-borrower/guarantors/legal Heirs.				

Property Address Of Secured Assets: Mdptmf1903310021- Description Of The Immovable Property. Schedule "a" Item No-i-ii That The Project Land Of "Rajapushpa Atria " Totally Admeasuring Ac. 14-15.49 Guntas In Survey Nos.143/p, 148, 149/p And 150/p/ Situated At Kokapet Village, Gandipet Mandal, Rangareddy District And Bounded As Follows: **Towards East:** Road; **Towards West:** Neighbour's Land; **Towards North:** Neighbour's Land.**towards South:** Road.mdptmf1903310021- Description Of The Immovable Property. Schedule "b" Item No-ii-ii That The Residential Flat No.1401, On 14th Floor, In F-block, Named As "Flora " In "Rajapushpa Atria", Having A Super Built Up Area Of 3610 Square Feet, West Facing, With Back To Back Slots For Two Car Parking No. 51 & 51-a, With A Proportionate Share In Common Areas/amenities And With An Undivided Share Of Land To The Extent Of 105 Square Yards, Out Of Total Extent Of Ac.14-15.49 Guntas In Survey Nos.143/p, 148, 149/p And 150/p Situated At Kokapet Village, Gandipet Mandal, Rangareddy District And Bounded As Follows:**towards East:** Open To Sky,**towards West:** Corridor,**towards North:** Open To Sky,**towards South:** Open To Sky.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Dated:18.02.2025, Sd/-Authorized Officer
Place: HYDERABAD SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

Bangaru Maisamma temple marks grand 16th anniversary

Sangareddy, Feb 18 (TSIT): The 16th anniversary celebrations of Sri Bangaru Maisamma Temple were held with immense devotion and enthusiasm, drawing a large number of devotees and dignitaries. The event



featured special prayers, homams, and cultural per-

formances, with women devotees offering Bonalu and participating in traditional rituals.BRS state leader Chinta Sainath, the chief guest, highlighted the temple's spiritual and cultural significance.

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RULE-8(3)] POSSESSION NOTICE
Note: "It is informed that "SHRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED" has been amalgamated with "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" as per order of NCLT, Chennai. Subsequently the name of "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" was changed as "SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED" with effect from 30.11.2022 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 30-11-2022". Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited (SFL) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SFL has been handed over the physical possession of the mortgaged Properties described herein below in pursuance of the order passed by the Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate, at Khammam under Section 14 of the said Act and Rules, on this 18th Day of February 2025.

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Sai Hanuman Service Station It's Prop.vaditya Venkateswara Rao S/o Vachya, Age:46yrs, Occu: service Station Business, R/o:h.no.5-145, Main Road, Penuballi, Vm Banjar, Khammam, Pincode: 507302 Cell:9848842457.2) Vaditya Venkateswara Rao S/o Vachya, Age:46yrs, Occu:service Station Business, R/o:h.no.5-145, Main Road, Penuballi, Vm Banjar, Khammam, Pincode:507302 Cell:9848842457. 3) Jarpala Nageswara Rao S/o Devala, Age:55yrs, Occu:govt.hw In Ashram High School, R/o:h.no.1-8/a, Main Road, Old Karaigudem, New Karaigudem, Khammam. Pincode:507302 Cell:9959590189.	To pay Rs.8538533/- (EGHTY FIVE LAKHS THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY THREE RUPEES ONLY), with further interest if any under reference of Loan Ac No- KHMMTAF1610250001

PROPERTY HOLDER NAME: Vaditya:venkateswara Rao With Document No: 4977/2016/the Vacant Site Admeasuring To An Extent Of 605.00 Sq.yards Or 505.85 Sq. mtrs Out Of Sy.No.611/a Situated At Bayanagudem Revenue Village, Sathupalli Mandal Of Khammam District, With In The Registration District, Khammam And Sub-registrar, Sathupalli Is Bounded As Under: East: Land Of Venkateshwar Rao, west: 12 Feet Road,north : Land Of M.anitha South : land Sold By Venkateshwara Rao In Sy.no.242.

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place:khammam. Sd/-Authorized officer,
Date :18 -02-2025 Shriram Finance Ltd.

SHRIRAM Finance
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032.
Administrative office: 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

DEMAND NOTICE
Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, (Formerly known as Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrowers(s)/Co-B

Are you backing a criminal, TDP AP chief asks Jagan

Amaravati (TSIT), Feb 18: “Are you supporting the person who belongs to the same criminal group, Jagan Mohan Reddy,” asked president of the State unit of the TDP Palla Srinivas Yadav on Tuesday.

In an open letter to YSRCP president Jagan Mohan Reddy, the State TDP President on raised serious questions regarding his meeting earlier in the day with, whom he called, a controversial leader Vallabhaneni Vamsi, currently in jail.

Palla, in his letter said that Vallabhaneni Vamsi, known for kidnapping and threatening Dalit employee Satyavardhan, has openly flouted the provisions of the SC,ST Atrocities Act. Jagan's meeting with Vamsi raises concerns about his endorsement of such individuals over the margin-



alised Dalit community, the TDP State president felt.

Vamsi has disrespected women's rights, Palla said and questioned as to why the former chief minister, despite his rhetoric on women's empowerment, has extended his support to such a person. Also, the former YSRCP MLA has resorted to destruction of the Telugu Desam Party

office in Gannavaram and the subsequent illegal harassment of female workers in the region has caused considerable harm, he added.

Why is Jagan offering support to such an individual, Palla asked and said that Jagan's actions in the past, including posting obscene content about his own mother and sister, put his commitment to women's rights under scrutiny. Vamsi's involvement in the Sankalpa Siddhi chit fund scam caused irreparable damage to the lives of 16,000 innocent families, the TDP State chief said. Palla also mentioned that Vamsi is involved in illegal sand mining, land encroachments and dubious activities in the region, including the take over of government lands and the unlawful construction of properties.

No law and order in AP, says Jagan

Amaravati (TSIT), Feb 18: YSRCP president and former chief minister Jagan Mohan Reddy on Tuesday alleged that there is a total breakdown of law and order in the State and the arrest of his party leader and former MLA Vallabhaneni Vamsi 'in a false case' is a classic example of this.

Jagan Mohan Reddy met Vamsi in Vijayawada sub-jail on 'mulakhat' where the former MLA is lodged in a kidnapping and under provisions of SC,ST Atrocities Act. Later, talking to media persons, Jagan Mohan Reddy said that the TDP-led NDA Government has cooked up false charges against the former MLA in the case. There is a total breakdown of law and order in the State under the present ruling dispensation, he



alleged.

During the meeting, Jagan is understood to have asked Vamsi to understand the sequence of events leading to his arrest. Vamsi's wife, Pankaja Sri, accompanied Jagan into the jail premises. Jagan's

visit sparked significant activity in the area, with a large crowd gathering near the jail premises.

In response to the surge of YSRCP leaders and supporters assembling at the jail, the police imposed stringent security measures. Unannounced restrictions were enforced, including barricades and the implementation of Section 144, prohibiting large gatherings within a 500-meter radius of the jail.

The YSRCP leaders later condemned what they described as excessive police action, expressing anger over the restrictions imposed on party leaders. Jagan Mohan Reddy's visit and the unfolding events indicate that the issue is likely to escalate politically in the coming days.



Deputy Chief Minister of the state Shri Pawan Kalyan and his wife Mrs. Ana Konidela took a holy dip at the Maha Kumbh Mela. Shri Pawan Kalyan's son Shri Akira Nandan and famous director Shri Trivikram participated in this holy dip.

Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy Brahmotsavams begins



Tirupati, 18 Feb (TSIT) The annual Brahmotsavam of Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy in Srinivasa Mangapuram began with the Dhvajarohana Ghattam in the auspicious Meenalagnam between 8.15 am to 8.40 am on Tuesday. The program was conducted as per agama amidst chanting of Vedic mantras, and Govinda namas by devotees. Earlier, Swamivari Tiruchi Utsavam was held from 6.30 am to 8.15 am. Afterwards, the temple priests performed Vishvakshena Aradhana, Vastuhoma, Garuda Lingahoma, Garuda Pratishtha and Raksha bandhanam. In the presence of Sridevi, Bhudevi and Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy Dhvajarohanam held. This religious program was conducted under the guidance of the Kankanabattar Sri Narayanacharyulu. Speaking to the media, JEO Sri V. Veerabrahma said that the Brahmotsavam of Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy has started with the sacred Garuda flag hoisting ceremony. The annual festival in the temple will be observed from February 18 to 26 in a grand manner. Extensive arrangements have been made for the devotees who come for Brahmotsavams, he added. He said that Tirumala Srivari Laddu Prasadam has been made available to the devotees in Srinivasa Mangapuram.

State Govt signs MoU with Singhanian Trust

Extending education along with creativity is AP Govt's objective, says Lokesh

Amaravati, Feb 18: Maintaining that the main objective of the State Government is to promoting the academic sector to number one position in the country, Minister for Education, IT and Electronics Nara Lokesh here on Tuesday said that radical changes will be introduced in the curriculum from KG to PG with creativity to achieve this goal.

The skills are being developed in such a way that a student soon after coming out of the college completing graduation

should get employment, Nara Lokesh said after a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is signed by the representatives of the State Government with the Sulochanadevi Singhanian School Trust in his presence. The MoU is entered into as part of the goal to meet the objectives of the national education policy.

As a first step to achieve the objective, the trust initially will bring in changes in the style of functioning of 14 schools in Tirupati district after assessing the skills of the teachers, the



quality of their spoken English and linking the technology with the existing academic system. Over

one lakh students are expected to get benefits of better educational standards through this scheme to be implemented in a span of five years. The trust will later extend its services to Amaravati, Visakhapatnam and Kakinada.

Chairman of the Singhanian Group Gouatham Hari Singhanian said that the main objective of the trust is to prepare the students as skillful by imparting them with the most advanced technology. Also, as part of this exercise the efficiency

of the teachers too to be improved to give quality education to their students, he said. These training centers for teachers will be set up in Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam and Amaravati, he added.

"We will not only update the skills of the teachers in advanced technology but also impart training to them in digital tools. As priority is being accorded to improve the proficiency in English students will ultimately come out of their institutions with

all the necessary skills to meet the requirements for their careers," Singhanian felt. Director of the Singhanian Group of Schools Revathi Srinivasan said that education is the foundation for progress and the main target is to introduce the best global standards to the local schools. Independent Director of the Raymonds K Narasimha Murthy, Chief Financial Officer Naveen Sarma and several heads of the Singhanian Group are present at the programme.

Minister Bharath inaugurates Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages' CSR initiatives

Kurnool Feb 18 (TSIT): Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages (HCCB), a leading FMCG company in India, has launched a series of impactful community initiatives under its CSR program, Project SHINE, in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. The initiatives were inaugurated by Shri. T. G. Bharath, Hon'ble Minister of Industries & Commerce, Government of Andhra Pradesh, in the presence of Shri P. Ranjit Basha, IAS, District Collector of Kurnool, local officials, and community members at an event held in Kurnool.

As part of Project SHINE, HCCB has introduced various initiatives aimed at improving the lives of local communities. These include sales and marketing training for youth at nine colleges, installation of water filtration units at the Government General Hospital in Kurnool, and the provision of electric vehicles (EVs) for waste collection to the Kurnool Municipal Corporation. Additionally, the company is conducting WASH (Water Access, Sanitation, and Hygiene) programs in schools and communities, focusing on hygiene education, proper handwashing techniques, and sanitation practices.

A significant part of the CSR effort includes empowering women in the region through Digital and Financial Literacy training, as well as providing tools like sewing machines to women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to enhance their livelihoods. The initiative is



focused on bridging the skill gap and creating economic inclusion for both youth and women in the region. Shri. T. G. Bharath lauded the CSR initiatives of HCCB, emphasizing the alignment with the government's commitment to empowering rural communities. He highlighted the positive impact of the water filtration units, WASH sessions, and skill development initiatives for youth and women in Kurnool. Himanshu Priyadarshi, Chief Public Affairs, Communications, and Sustainability Officer at HCCB, spoke about the company's broader commitment to sustainable and long-lasting social impact. He noted that HCCB's CSR initiatives aim to address key societal challenges, includ-

ing education, skill development, water access, and hygiene. Project SHINE focuses on five core areas: Sustainable Solutions for Environment & Disaster Management, Health & Hygiene, Inclusive Growth via Women Empowerment, Education & Skill Building, and Empowering Communities for a Better Future. To date, HCCB has positively impacted around 2 lakh individuals across Andhra Pradesh through these initiatives, including providing Digital & Financial literacy training to over 4,000 women and collaborating with the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) to train 5,000 young professionals in sales and marketing.

Thousands People imparted awareness about nuclear power through NPCIL's atom on wheel campaign



Srikakulam, 18 Feb (TSIT): To make people aware, educate and sensitise about the various useful aspects of Nuclear Power, a special campaign under "Atom on Wheel" mobile exhibition was launched at Srikakulam district on 13th November, 2024. During the last 3 months of November, December, 2024 and January, 2025, around 64755 people were informed about nuclear energy through this innovative campaign. With the unique features and creative approach, the exhibition successfully covered the students, general people of various fields by visiting schools, colleges, community markets etc. of about 139 villages in more than 15 mandals of Srikakulam and Vizianagaram district. In the last month of January till

12th February, 2025, around 12904 people were covered and informed about societal applications of nuclear energy in 71 villages in Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, and Parvathipuram Manyam district. The campaign got huge support and good cooperation from the students, women, youth, gram panchayat members, general villagers and other people. As a part of this public awareness campaign, many educational films on the various aspects of nuclear energy and safety were also screened through in-house projection system and LED TV during the mobile exhibition. People were also made aware and briefed about the proposed nuclear power plants and various issues through creative leaflets and publications.

Telangana, AP men trapped in Myanmar cybercrime den plead for rescue

Hyderabad: A group of men from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, trapped in a cybercrime den in Myanmar near the Thailand border, have sent a desperate plea for rescue. They are allegedly being held by Chinese gangs and forced into online scams, they managed to share their live location, voice messages, and videos with their families before losing communication. At least 150 Indians

including 15 from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are reportedly being confined and coerced into fraudulent activities. One of the victims, Kokkiral Madhukar Reddy from Rangapeta village in Karimnagar, reached out to his family before Wi-Fi and mobile access were taken away.

In a final voice message, Madhukar revealed, "Three of us from Telangana are here. Two more were



brought in, but we don't know where they are. There are about 40 of us outside,

but many more are locked inside. They are cutting off Wi-Fi, seizing phones, and

monitoring us. They know we are trying to contact Indian authorities." His last known location placed him in a heavily guarded compound near Ingyin Myaing, Myanmar. Duped by a fake job, now a prisoner in Myanmar. An MBA graduate, Madhukar had been working in Dubai since 2015 but returned to India earlier this year. Seeking opportunities, he responded to an online job offer for a data entry

position in Bangkok with a promised salary of Rs 1.2 lakh per month. However, after arriving on a visit visa, he was trafficked across the Myanmar border and forced into cybercrime operations. His father, Kokkiral Lakshma Reddy, a farmer, said, "Madhukar told us that around 10 Telugu-speaking men are in the camp, along with at least 150 Indians, including people from Bihar and Kerala.

AP Min fires ESIC hospital doctors, staff for negligence

Kakinada, Feb 18 (UNI) Andhra Pradesh Minister for Labour Vasamsetti Subhash was impatient on seeing that the duty doctors and staff were absent during his surprise visit to the ESIC hospital at Rajahmundry on Monday and ordered disciplinary action against the erring staff. As a prompt follow-up action, the AP insurance medical services director has issued orders on Tuesday placing under suspension five doctors and four office staff with immediate effect.

The minister found that the doctors and staff were negligent in duties and leaving the hospital after signing the attendance register.

The minister was furious over the situation and issued instructions then and there itself for stringent action against the erring staff.

The ESIC Director informed the minister's office of the action taken, making it clear that further detailed inquiry would be conducted against these suspended doctors and staff.

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FAILURE OF PLANNING

The horrific New Delhi station stampede, which claimed 18 lives, was not an accident—it was a failure of planning, foresight and accountability. As thousands of pilgrims flocked to board trains for the Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj, the authorities failed to anticipate and manage the massive rush, leading to tragic consequences. Former Railway Minister Pawan Kumar Bansal was blunt in his assessment: the ultimate responsibility lies with the Railway Minister. The government’s inability to put proper crowd control measures in place despite knowing the surge in travellers is a glaring oversight. The Maha Kumbh is not a surprise event; its scale and impact on railway traffic are well-documented. Why, then, was a tragedy of this magnitude allowed



to unfold? In the wake of the disaster, the government swiftly announced Rs 10 lakh compensation for each victim’s family and Rs 2.5 lakh for the seriously injured, as per Indian Railways’ guidelines. However, reports of wads of cash being handed over at the station raise ethical concerns. The sheer optics of authorities distributing notes in violation of 2023 compensation guidelines that allow cash distribution of up to Rs 50,000 only add insult to injury. Instead of fixing systemic issues, is the government attempting damage control with cash payouts? Not surprisingly, the demand for Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw’s resignation has gained traction, with his history of deflecting blame for railway mishaps underlined. The government’s initial dismissal of the stampede as a ‘rumour’ further exposes its reluctance to acknowledge failures. Historically, ministers like Lal Bahadur Shastri and Nitish Kumar stepped down, taking moral responsibility for railway disasters. Will Vaishnaw do the same? Beyond resignations, systemic reforms are necessary. The Railways must overhaul its crowd management protocols, particularly during religious and festival rushes.

In the absence of SAARC

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ONLY weeks ago, Delhi and many other parts of northern India emerged from a season of choking smog. Likewise in Lahore, where the provincial government had to declare a health emergency, shut down schools and colleges, and order residents to stay at home. In the two Punjabs, Indian and Pakistani, an arid winter is making farmers nervous about the rabi crop. Jammu & Kashmir hasn’t had enough snowfall this year, which is bad news for its rivers. The Chenab has bottomed out already. Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) is undergoing a similarly dry winter. The impact is felt all the way across in the Himalayas in Nepal, dependent for snow and rain on the same western disturbances that bring winter precipitation to northern India and Pakistan.

Across the entire region, climate change has affected livelihoods and is endangering lives. Typically, it is the poor that bear the brunt of extreme weather events. When global warming raises sea levels, threatening to engulf Mumbai, Karachi, Kolkata and Dhaka in frequent flooding, extreme rainfall, cyclones and salinisation, it is the poorest in these large cities who will be the worst affected. The warming is also depleting marine resources, causing conflicts among fishers across borders, for example, between

those from Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka’s Jaffna.

In the face of these challenges, civil society groups and media representatives from South Asia gathered earlier this month to discuss the possibilities of regional cooperation for climate action. It is possible to imagine that as the biggest economy in the region, a rising world power and an aspiring leader of the Global South, India would have hosted the conference, in line with its Neighbourhood First policy. But that boat has sailed. The conference, which brought together about a hundred people, was held in Islamabad at the Jinnah Convention Centre, all spruced up after a recent facelift for the SCO Heads of Government meeting that Pakistan hosted last October.

It was not the embattled government of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif that organised this ambitious conference. The event was put together and helmed by the leading Pakistani media group Dawn. Seamlessly choreographed, the two-day conference, ‘Breathe Pakistan — International Climate Change Conference’, packed in 14 sessions, had the backing of several sponsors led by the provincial government of Punjab, the United Nations and the World Bank. Call it Track 2.5 or 3.5 or even 4. The visas, especially for invitees from India, would not have been possible without the official green light. I attended the event as a speaker in a session on the media’s role in climate action. Sonam



Wangchuk, the famous Ladakh-based activist, and Harjeet Singh, the head of a climate resilience NGO, were among the others from India. Sunita Narain of the Centre for Science and Environment participated via Zoom.

The conference was being held against the rise of climate change-denying leaders in the US, and in other parts of the world — copycat ‘Trumpism’, as Harjeet described the new American age during a session on ‘Decarbonisation of South Asia’. The other elephant in the room was the absence of official engagement between the two biggest nations in the

region, India and Pakistan. But that seemed to be the point: the climate emergency is too real, too here and now, to wait for conflict resolution, or for Trumpism to fade. In an ideal world, climate change should have been right up the street of SAARC — a one-time dream of regional cooperation that struggled with bilateral hostilities from the start and is now comatose and brain-dead. If India has been striving to set up regional cooperation without Pakistan (also known in Delhi circles as ‘SAARC-minus one’), think of the conference as a sort of riposte, albeit a civil

society-driven one, that action against climate change cannot be envisioned in ‘minus one’ terms. Pakistan has been ravaged in recent years by floods of epic proportions, glacial melt, the degradation of the Indus basin ecosystem, winds from the west carrying dust, and smog of the same kind — and from similar sources — that paralyses life in north India for three months every year.

But that elephant is real, so what about it? Most participants, including those from India, arrived on February 5, a day before the conference began. It was a national holiday for

‘Kashmir Solidarity Day’. Hoardings and posters on the highway from the new airport described the solidarity with the favourite ‘Pakistan’s jugular vein’. But save for one small protest near the conference venue that vanished as quickly as it formed, the competitive speeches by political parties, the crowds from the madrasas, the josh that I recall covering in the 2000s, were missing. Perhaps because Pakistan’s new powers that be cannot risk a large gathering on ‘D Chowk’ (D does not stand for democracy, it’s just the shape of the junction), now barricaded off from Constitution Avenue and its VIP buildings — President’s House, National Assembly, Supreme Court, Prime Minister’s House, and various ministries. Or perhaps because the circus got pushed to Rawalakot in PoK. After all, it’s no longer politics, what with the FATF and all watching, to have the heart of Islamabad resound with blood-curdling slogans against a neighbour.

Even so, Army Chief Gen Syed Asim Munir’s pledge in PoK to “fight 10 more wars for Kashmir” has to be set off against the sullen resentment of the people of that territory against the Pakistan Army, and the nation’s economic abyss. Plus, Gen Munir has his own compulsions in the bruising conflict with ex-PM Imran Khan, whose popularity seems to have surpassed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto’s at his peak. PM Shehbaz Sharif seemed more on point in his speech, emphasising dia-

logue with India, and in what sounded more like a memo to self, the need “for India to move out of the August 5, 2019, mindset”. So, maybe behind the elephant are opportunities waiting to be discovered.

Meanwhile, another elephant at the conference did not go unnoticed. The PM and his niece Maryam Nawaz, Chief Minister of the Punjab province, absented themselves from the inaugural ceremony, apparently because the CM of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, Ali Amin Gandapur of Imran’s Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, was invited too. Gandapur praised his jailed leader as a champion of climate action, and argued for federal equity in allocating funds for climate action. The absence of the top two leaders was the cause of media chatter about how Pakistan should sort out its internal conflicts before aspiring to bring nations of the region and beyond together. What the conference did though was to demonstrate that civil society in the region is alive, vibrant and willing to build bridges across borders to share climate change best practices and knowledge. Wangchuk was the toast of the conference, his innovations for climate resilience exciting as much interest as the ‘discovery’ that he was the inspiration for Rancho, Aamir Khan’s character in Three Idiots. And one evening, the queen of Sufi music, Abida Parveen, sang her heart out and showed everyone how to make friends across borders.



India, US don't compete as much as they complement each other: Piyush Goyal

Mumbai, Feb 18 (TSIT): Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, on Tuesday, said India and the United States do not compete as much as they complement each other, and discussions are underway with various stakeholders, both within and outside the government, to strengthen trade ties between the two nations.

India's efforts to double trade with the United States to \$500 billion by 2030 were underscored by the Union Minister in his virtual address at the NDTV Profit Conclave.

"This is a relationship between two friendly nations, trusted partners, and powerful democracies. We do not compete as much as we complement each other," said Goyal. The Union Minister highlighted that India's position in global trade negotiations had



been strengthened due to its focus on protecting domestic industries from non-market economies that lack transparent trading systems. "Our biggest concern has been economies that do not give equal access to India when we are trading with

them. To protect domestic industries, higher tariffs have often been resorted to," he stressed.

A similar concern was noted for the US, where lower tariffs have led to market disruptions due to an influx of goods from such economies.

"In a way, the problem of America is the same as India's...What we are working on is finding a way to resolve this issue for both countries," Goyal said.

According to the Union Minister, trade relations between India and the US

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have already been bolstered through strategic, bilateral, and multilateral engagements, including defence ties, education, and people-to-people connections. Apex business chambers have

hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the US as a landmark event in strengthening India-US trade and investment relations. There were several tangible outcomes from the PM's visit to the US. These include strengthening cooperation in defence, terrorism, energy security covering both fossil fuels and nuclear power, trade and investment besides leveraging India's human capital.

Another major outcome is the development of a US-India roadmap for accelerating AI Infrastructure by the end of the year. The ambitious target of \$500 billion bilateral trade by 2030 is eminently achievable while agreement on negotiation for a Bilateral Trade Agreement would pave the way for new trade and investment opportunities between the two nations.

Our vision is to make India 'water secure nation' by 2047: C.R. Patil



Jaipur, Feb 18 (TSIT): Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil said on Tuesday that the Union government is committed to making India a 'water-secure nation' by 2047. He also cited Prime Minister Modi's focus on sanitation, which led to the construction of 12 crore toilets, benefiting 60 crore people and significantly reducing waterborne diseases such as diarrhoea.

"Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, 15 crore households now have access to clean drinking water, and 25 lakh women have been trained in water purity testing. The Union government is committed to making India a water-secure nation by 2047," said the minister

while addressing the second All India Conference of State Water Ministers in Udaipur. He added that the 'Catch the Rain' initiative, aimed at promoting rainwater harvesting, has also gained momentum, with migrants contributing to the construction of recharge wells in villages.

Patil announced that Rajasthan would receive an increased water supply under the revised PKC Link Project, ensuring significant future benefits. He also emphasised the importance of a prompt agreement between Rajasthan and Haryana under the Yamuna Water Accord to facilitate surplus water transfer to Rajasthan.

National education policy will bring a big change in country: Dattatraya

Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN), February 18 - Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya said that the National Education Policy-2020 is going to bring a big change in the country. This will give a new guidance to the young generation through innovation, technology, research, education, culture and moral values. When all the students move forward with new thinking, then by the year 2047, a developed India of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dreams will definitely be created.

The Governor, who is also the Chancellor of Kurukshetra University, was addressing the students after giving PhD, postgraduate and graduate degrees at the 34th convocation of Kurukshetra University Tuesday.

While congratulating the students who received degrees and gold medals, Bandaru Dattatraya said the bright future of the country can be seen in these students. After this 34th convocation, a new journey will begin in the lives of all the



students. Parents and teachers will have a lot of expectations from this journey. Some students will be looking for jobs and some will move forward towards their business. He said looking at the talent of the students, it is seen that after receiving degrees from Kurukshetra University, most of the students will achieve a position not as job seekers but as job providing institutions. He said many challenges will come up in this new path. All the students have to face these challenges and achieve their goal. To achieve this, the students will have to move forward with hard

work and honesty. Congratulating and wishing Kurukshetra University on getting A-plus-plus grade and 41st ranking of NIRF, the Governor said due to the hard work of the university administration, teachers and employees, the university is moving ahead at a fast pace on the path of progress. This university is the oldest university of the state; therefore, the students will have to always keep in mind the education and values received from Kurukshetra University.

Governor and Chancellor of Kurukshetra University Dattatraya also felicitated

Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini with the Honorary degree of Doctor of Literature for his outstanding contribution in social and political field at the 34th convocation of the university. Along with this, former ISRO Chairman Dr. S. Somanath, who did remarkable work in the field of science and increased India's pride in space, was also honoured with an honorary degree and Goyal Peace Prize by the university.

The Chief Minister Saini said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision is that when we celebrate 100 years of India's Independence, our country should become a developed nation. India should become the dream of those revolutionary heroes who sacrificed everything to liberate India. By realizing this vision, the youth will have the most important contribution in making a 'Viksit Bharat' by the year 2047. Therefore, the youth have to become mentally, physically and morally strong and achieve the goals of life.

Nayab Singh Saini said the first President of India,

Dr. Rajendra Prasad laid the foundation stone of Kurukshetra University in 1956. Since then, the university has travelled a long journey of development. He said Haryana has made a distinct identity as a leading state in the country by progressing in education, sports, cultural, research and industrial sectors. Kurukshetra University has a significant contribution in this identity. He said on the strength of the capacity of such educational institutions, Haryana has fully implemented the National Education Policy.

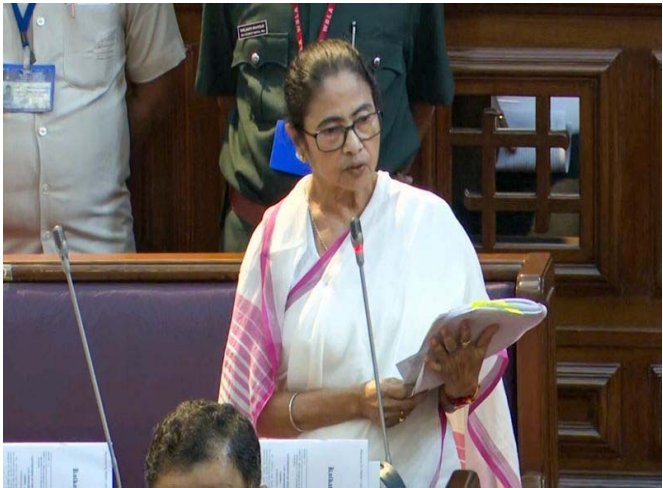
The Chief Minister said till a decade ago, daughters in Haryana had to go to far-flung colleges to get higher education. Due to this, most of the daughters were deprived of education. Understanding their pain, the government prepared a roadmap and resolved to establish a college every 20 kilometres. In the last 10 years, 79 colleges were opened, out of which 30 are for girls only. He said the government's aim is that every child gets a quality education near his home.

Maha Kumbh turned into 'Mrityu Kumbh', stampede death toll suppressed, says Mamata

Kolkata Feb 18 (TSIT) West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday asserted that the Maha Kumbh had turned into a 'Mrityu Kumbh' due to the incidents of stampede, claiming that the actual death toll at the religious gathering was suppressed by authorities. At least 30 people died and 60 were injured in a stampede in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj last month, while 18 people lost their lives in a recent stampede at an overcrowded New Delhi railway station. "They have hidden hundreds of bodies to bring down the toll. The Maha Kumbh has turned into a 'Mrityu Kumbh' under the BJP rule," Banerjee said during an address in the state assembly.

Banerjee termed the stampede at the Maha Kumbh "deeply heartbreaking", and stressed the need for better planning and management at large religious gatherings to ensure public safety. "The tragic loss of lives in such incidents highlights the importance of careful planning, especially when it comes to the safety of citizens," she said.

The chief minister also criticised the Uttar Pradesh government for creating a hype around



the Maha Kumbh "without making proper arrangements".

"So many people died in the Maha Kumbh (stampede) incident, but they are not releasing the correct death toll. They created such a hype about the event, and yet there were no proper arrangements at the venue," she said. Banerjee went on to highlight the plight of the West Bengal residents who died in the stampede, alleging that their bodies were sent back without proper documentation, making it difficult for the families to receive compensation.

"We conducted post-mortem to ensure that their families got the death certificates," she said. The chief minister also slammed the "VIP culture" at the Maha Kumbh. "While I avoided the holy dip to prevent inconvenience to common people, the event saw special treatment for VIPs," Banerjee noted. She also pointed out that despite the stampede incident, no investigation committee had been set up by the Uttar Pradesh government, unlike in West Bengal, where probe panels are constituted following such tragedies.



President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu meets with the Amir of the State of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad AL Thani, in New Delhi

Maha govt sets up enforcement cell to curb illegal fishing, increase maritime safety

Mumbai, February 18 (IANS) The Maharashtra Fisheries Department has set up an enforcement cell to take strict action against unauthorised fishing boats and thereby ensure sustainable fishing and maritime security in the maritime areas, officials said.

State Fisheries and Ports Minister Nitesh Rane on Tuesday said that the department's move to launch drone patrolling in coastal areas for maritime security is showing good results.

The enforcement cell will be headed by the Commissioner of Fisheries Department and its members will include the District Collectors and Superintendents of Police of the seven coastal districts of Palghar, Thane, Mumbai City, Mumbai Suburban, Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg, and Deputy Secretary of Fisheries Department. The Joint Commissioner of Fisheries (Marine) will be the Member Secretary. Minister Rane said that the enforcement cell will work to suggest measures to prevent illegal fishing in the maritime areas of the state, study the structure of the cell, constitutional framework and provision of funds, study the resources and manpower required to control illegal fishing and suggest measures to the government in this



regard. The cell will also step up patrolling of the maritime areas of the state 24 hours a day, enforce maritime laws, take action against unauthorised boats spotted during patrols as per maritime law, seize boats, auction the fish caught on them and examine photographs and videos taken by drones during patrols to get information about unauthorised boats. Migrant fishing boats come to the state's maritime area and do fishing illegally. Due to this, it harms the production of local traditional fishermen. Also, the government is taking stern action against LED fishing and protecting the interests of the local fishing community. The enforcement cell will help further enhance mari-

time security. The cell will obtain information about the necessary equipment in the coastal areas and ensure its availability," the Minister added. He has instructed that all the members of this cell should work responsibly and cooperatively. Rane said that the functioning of the enforcement cell will help bring discipline to coastal security and fishing. It will also be possible to control illegal movements of boats and take strict action, he added. He emphasised the need to remove encroachments on the coast. He asked the department to prepare an action plan in this regard and ensure that all the land owned by the Fisheries department are encroachment-free in the next three months.

Indian astronomers unveil thermal structure of solar coronal holes, magnetic fields

New Delhi, Feb 18 (TSIT): Astronomers from the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology, have accurately estimated the physical parameters of thermal and magnetic field structures of solar coronal holes. These structures have a significant influence on space weather that affects satellites, as well as the Indian summer monsoon rainfall.

“Coronal holes, which are dark regions in X-ray and extreme ultraviolet images of the Sun, have open magnetic field lines and are hence important for understanding the interplanetary medium



and space weather. The latitude dependence of temperature and the magnetic field strengths of these coronal holes have now been characterised accurately,” said the team from the (IIA).

A recent physics-based study found that besides the influence of sunspots, param-

eterised study of the radiative effects of coronal holes can satisfactorily explain the variability of Indian Monsoon rainfall. To probe further, astronomers from the IIA used eight years of full-disk calibrated images observed by the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO) space

probe. The study, published in the journal Astronomy and Astrophysics, accurately estimated the physical parameters of thermal and magnetic field structures of coronal holes. “The study also offers a comprehensive understanding of how these near-equatorial coronal holes evolve as they traverse the solar disk,” said Dr Manjunath Hegde of IIA, and lead author of the study. In addition, the team “found that there is no latitudinal variation of the temperature structure of coronal holes and also that there is a latitudinal variation of the strength of magnetic field structure of coronal holes that increases from the solar equator to the pole”.

Xiti Weaves to unveil grand pattu cheera Collection in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, February 2025: Xiti Weaves is set to launch its highly anticipated Grand Pattu Cheera Collection on February 18, 2025, at their Road No. 45, Jubilee Hills showroom. The event will be graced by renowned heroine Priyanka Arul Mohan, along with Xiti Managing Directors Soujanya, Bobby Tikka, and T. Srinivas, who will present the latest collection. The brand continues to live up to its motto, "Saree for Every Reason, Saree for Every Season."

Speaking about the collection, Priyanka Arul Mohan expressed, "Sarees



are an integral part of Indian culture, symbolizing tradition and elegance. The best saree brands offer a perfect blend of rich heritage, intricate designs, and top-notch craftsmanship that cater to diverse tastes.

Xiti Weaves provides a one-stop solution for designer wear sarees, including organza, georgette, chiffons, handloom, and traditional styles." Soujanya, one of the co-founders of Xiti Weaves,

shared the brand's journey, "Founded two years ago, Xiti Weaves has already earned over 250,000 organic followers on Instagram. Our designs are inspired by Indian weavers' folklore, indigenous craftsmanship, culture, and traditional patterns. We have become a favorite among saree enthusiasts due to our intricate designs and vibrant colors. Whether it's for a wedding or a formal event, Xiti Weaves offers the perfect drape to enhance elegance. Our sarees are sourced from various parts of India, ensuring diversity and authenticity."

STOCK MARKET TO REBOUND BY 2ND HALF THIS YEAR, NIFTY AT 25,000 ON HORIZON

Mumbai, Feb 18 (TSIT): The Nifty index could reach 25,000 by December 2025, driven by a revival in consumer spending, improved employment trends and easing foreign investor selling, a new report said on Tuesday.

According to Emkay Institutional Equities, the Indian stock market is expected to remain volatile in the near term, but a recovery is likely in the second half of 2025. The research firm has projected that the first quarter of 2025 is likely to witness increased market fluctuations due to weak demand and global uncertainties.

However, from the second half of the year, a pickup in retail lending, better liquidity conditions, and government welfare spending are expected to support economic recovery and boost market sentiment.

“Markets tend to overreact and overextend on both, the upside and the downside,” said Nirav Sheth from Emkay Global Financial Services. He added that the bottoming process is usually volatile which



we are currently witnessing. "We estimate that the worst of the earnings downgrade cycle is behind us and expect a recovery in the second half of the fiscal – triggered by renewed government spending and tax relief led consumption spend. It is time to buy," Sheth mentioned. On a sectoral level, Emkay Institutional Equities maintains an Overweight stance on discretionary consumption, real estate, and healthcare. However, it remains cautious about financials, consumer staples, and materials due to valuation concerns and structural challenges. The firm also noted that foreign portfolio investor (FPI) selling, which has been a major concern for the market, is likely to subside by the second quarter of 2025.

CREDAI Hyderabad releases comprehensive report on city's real estate sector



Hyderabad 18th Feb (TSIT) : CREDAI Hyderabad, in collaboration with CRE Matrix, has released a detailed zone-wise analysis of the city's real estate market, shedding light on key trends and future growth potential in both the residential and commercial sectors. The *Hyderabad Office Market Report – Q4 CY24* and *Hyderabad Housing Market Report – Q4 CY24* provide an in-depth overview of Hyderabad's evolving real estate landscape.

The residential sector report reveals a 17%

increase in the average ticket size for Q4 CY24 compared to the previous year, indicating strong demand for premium properties. Hyderabad North West emerged as the dominant market, contributing 64% of total sales value, amounting to 19,826 crore. The South West region saw the highest per square foot value at 11,277, further highlighting the growing demand for high-end residential spaces.

In the commercial real estate sector, the report reveals a 2.2x surge in transactions greater than

1 lakh square feet between Q4 CY23 and Q4 CY24, along with a 26% increase in co-working demand. The city is expected to add 17 million square feet of Grade A/A+ office supply by the end of 2024, with Gachibowli accounting for 58% of the supply.

CREDAI Hyderabad's leaders highlighted the city's robust real estate growth. Mr. V. Rajashekar Reddy, President of CREDAI Hyderabad, praised the ongoing buyer confidence in the residential market, while also underscoring Hyderabad's continued growth in the commercial space sector, reaffirming its status as a leading business hub.

The residential market remains active, with 16,644 units sold in Q4 CY24 and 11,081 new launches. As the city's infrastructure expands and policies continue to favor real estate growth, Hyderabad remains a preferred destination for homebuyers and investors, ensuring continued development across all sectors.

Nothing's Phone (3a) Series to boast significant camera improvements



London-based technology company Nothing has announced today that Phone (3a) Series will feature a pro-level camera system which allows users to capture true-to-life smartphone photos and videos in any environment. Phone (3a) Series performs like a flagship photography smartphone while combining a new periscope lens with AI clarity-enhancing algorithms.

Phone (3a) Series will

feature significant camera improvements compared to its predecessor, Phone (2a). One of the most significant upgrades is the addition of the 50MP periscope lens offering 3x optical zoom, 6x in-sensor zoom, and 60x ultra zoom, delivering crisp and detailed macro shots, and 70 mm portrait-perfect focal length. Nothing's TrueLens Engine 3.0 harnesses elite hardware to produce profes-

sional-grade, true-to-life photography through a combination of AI tone mapping and scene detection. TrueLens Engine understands every image and tunes it to strike a classic photographic balance with next-generation computational technology.

Phone (3a) Series's 50MP main sensor captures even 64% more light at a pixel level meaning it has a 300% greater full well capacity versus Phone (2a). All of this enables more depth and clarity. Additionally, all four sensors support Ultra HDR photo output and the main and front support 4K video recording with stable footage and night enhancement.

Phone (3a) Series will be unveiled on 4 March at 3:30 PM IST. Those interested in being notified about the upcoming launch can sign up at Flipkart.in .

Bhutan PM to grace the SOUL Leadership Conclave in New Delhi

New Delhi, February 18, 2025: The upcoming first edition of the SOUL Leadership Conclave, which is being inaugurated by Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi, will also welcome H.E. DASHO Tshering Tobgay, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bhutan as the Guest of Honour for its Inaugural Session on Friday, 21st February, at the Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. A strong advocate of Bhutan's unique Gross National Happiness Index, he has spoken on leadership, conservation, climate change, poverty, democracy, and happiness at the United Nations, TED, and various interna-



tional conferences. At his Keynote Address for the SOUL Leadership Conclave he will share leadership lessons from his life journey. Notably, he has been a key participant in Bhutan's transition to a parlamenta-

ry democracy; having played a pivotal role in founding the People's Democratic Party, the first registered political party in Bhutan for which he continues to serve as president. The School of Ultimate Leadership (SOUL) is an upcoming premier, privately funded leadership institution in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The maiden edition of the SOUL Leadership Conclave will bring together distinguished leaders from various sectors, including politics, sports, arts, media, business, public policy, and the social sector, to share their personal leadership journeys, engage in insight-

ful conversations, and offer transformative leadership experiences to inspire the next generation of thinkers and doers. SOUL Leadership Conclave is set to take place at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on February 21st and 22nd, 2025, marking a new chapter in leadership discourse. The event will be livestreamed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/live/2ckwax3wnjY>. The event will feature candid conversations and insightful sessions, where the speakers will share key moments from their leadership journeys, both their successes and failures.

MEAI Hyderabad chapter concludes conference on mining, self-reliance

Hyderabad, Feb 15 (TSIT) : The Mining Engineers' Association of India (MEAI), Hyderabad Chapter successfully concluded the two-day National Conference on 'Mining the Minerals: Way Forward Towards Atmanirbhar Viksit Bharat 2047'. The second day featured a series of impactful deliberations on critical issues concerning the mining sector, its future policies and technological advancements.

The valedictory session was presided over by Shri V. Suresh, Director (Commercial), NMDC Ltd., who served as the Chief Guest for the occasion. Shri N. Balram, Chairman & Managing Director, SCCL, was the Guest of Honour. Other distinguished attendees included Shri B. Vishwanath, IRSS, Chief Vigilance Officer, NMDC Ltd.; Shri B. Surender Mohan, Former CMD, NLC India Ltd.; Shri A. K. Shukla, Former CMD, HCL; and Shri P.K. Satpathy, Former Director (Production), NMDC Ltd. who contributed to discussions on mining innovation, sustainability, and policy reforms.



The second day of the conference commenced with expert discussions on the impact of the MMDR Act, amendments in royalty structures, mining of minor minerals, and policy reforms shaping the sector's future. Eminent speakers provided valuable insights into the legal and economic implications of regulatory frameworks and the necessary interventions to foster growth. Technical sessions focused on the extraction of manganese and bauxite from waste or low-grade ores, ammonia beneficiation of low-grade iron ores and advancements in sustainable mining practices. Industry experts shared innovations that could drive efficiency and sustainability in mineral processing.

Shri Vinay Kumar Director (Technical) NMDC Ltd. & Chairman MEAI Hyderabad Chapter in his concluding remarks mentioned, "As we gather here at the conclusion of this remarkable national conference, I stand before you with a profound sense of gratitude and optimism. Over the past one and a half days, we have engaged in deep discussions, shared transformative ideas, and collectively envisioned the future of India's mining sector for Viksit Bharat 2047.

As India approaches its 100th year of independence in 2047, themining sector will

play a pivotal role in driving self-reliance and economic growth. The conference began with an inaugural session, where industry leaders laid a strong foundation by emphasizing the need for policy reforms, increased exploration, sustainable mining, decarbonization, skill development, and attracting young talent. While India has long been dominant in bulk minerals, our focus must now expand to critical and minor minerals, where we lag behind many global economies. Without addressing this gap, achieving true mineral security will remain a challenge.

The MEAI conference stressed key industry-wide concerns, such as the need for policy reforms, decarbonization, automation, and AI-driven mining technologies. A significant point raised was the impact of "greenflation"—the rising commodity prices caused by the green energy transition—and how we must strategical-

ly position ourselves to maintain a balance between sustainability and affordability. We cannot afford to merely react to these challenges; we must proactively lead the global transition toward sustainable mining practices while ensuring economic competitiveness."

Addressing the conference, Shri V Suresh, Director (Commercial), NMDC Ltd. remarked, "India's mining sector is the backbone of economic progress and will be pivotal in achieving Viksit Bharat by 2047. Sustainable mining, technological innovation, skill development, policy reforms, and global partnerships will define the future of the industry. Our collective efforts will drive a self-reliant and environmentally responsible mining sector."

Addressing the conference, Shri N. Balram, Chairman & Managing Director, SCCL, remarked, "India's mining industry must evolve with innovation and sustainable policies to support national progress. Strengthening domestic mining capabilities is crucial to reducing dependency on imports and fostering economic resilience."

Shri P.K. Satpathy, Former Director (Production), NMDC Ltd., stated, "The role of mining in ensuring India's industrial and infrastructure growth cannot be overstated. By integrating advanced technology and responsible resource practices, we can unlock new opportunities in the critical mining sector as well."

Hyderabad sets Guinness World Record with massive human dove formation for peace

Hyderabad, Feb 18 : Hyderabad witnessed a historic moment as 2,111 individuals came together to form the world's largest human image of a dove, symbolizing peace. Organized by the Sudha Reddy Foundation, this remarkable feat has been officially recognized as a Guinness World Record.

Held at the Lords Institute of Engineering & Technology from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM, the event saw participants dressed in white, creating a stunning aerial formation. The initiative aimed to promote unity and emphasize the importance of global peace and harmony.

Philanthropist Sudha



Reddy, the driving force behind the foundation, expressed immense pride in this achievement.

"This record is more than just numbers; it is a powerful testament to the human aspiration for

peace," she stated. The foundation acknowledged the dedication of the participants, whose collective spirit turned this ambitious vision into reality.

The Guinness World Record accomplishment is expected to inspire similar initiatives worldwide, encouraging communities to embrace the principles of peace and solidarity.

The Sudha Reddy Foundation continues its commitment to social welfare, education, and community development, working with global organizations like UNICEF, the Global Gift Foundation, and the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Yunus Govt turning Bangladesh into terrorism hub: Hasina

New Delhi, Feb 18 (TSIT) The ousted Prime Minister of Bangladesh accuses the Mohammed Yunus-led interim government of turning the nation into a hub of terrorism and lawlessness. She vows to return home assuring help to families suffering and would deliver them justice.

She said that the Nobel laureate himself has said that he has no experience in running a nation, then he should refrain from doing so, accusing him of remaining silent as dozens of police officers were killed last year during student-led riots against her quota reforms and allowing lawlessness to take over.

"Yunus has no experience of running a government. He dissolved all inquiry committees and unleashed the terrorists to butcher people. They are destroying Bangladesh. We will out this government of terrorists. Inshallah," said Hasina. While addressing the Awami League sup-



porters online from India on Monday, she said, "I will return. The killers will face justice in Bangladesh. Their reckoning will happen on Bangladeshi soil. Perhaps that's why Allah has kept me alive."

After laying low since the coup and subsequent ouster from Bangladesh, Hasina has started to address her party workers and reach out to her

supporters through speeches and messages virtually.

Unable to stop her from reaching out to her core supporters, the interim government and the protesting student outfits are up in arms and resorting to extreme measures.

On one hand, the interim government has started to submit dossiers to the Indian Government for her extradition to

Bangladesh. On the other hand, the students' outfits riled up and even destroyed the memorial residence of the founding father of Bangladesh, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, at Dhanmondi 32 in Dhaka. Last week while addressing the media on the sidelines of the World Governments Summit in Dubai, Yunus vowed that he would not allow key figures from the ousted Sheikh Hasina regime to escape punishment, noting that the people of Bangladesh would not forgive his administration if they fail to bring them to justice. "We'll bring her (Hasina) to justice. It has to happen, otherwise people will not forgive us," Yunus said. "We have already initiated the legal process, and we hope it will proceed smoothly so that we can bring her to justice. It is essential that this happens, otherwise, people will not forgive us," Yunus was quoted as saying by the leading Bangla daily, Prothom Alo.

S Korean expert calls for creation of Asian NATO to enhance regional peace

Seoul, Feb 18 (TSIT) Chung Mong-Joon, founder and honorary chair of the Asian Institute for Policy Studies and former politician in South Korea, has advocated for an Asian NATO, also suggesting redeploying tactical nuclear weapons in South Korea to enhance regional peace and security.

"The United States and its allies and partners also need to show credible resolve to deter North Korean, Chinese and Russian military adventurism. We need an Asian version of NATO. We may call it the Indo-Pacific Treaty Organisation (IPTO)," leading South Korean daily 'The Korean Herald' quoted Chung Mong-Joon as saying at an event at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Washington.

Chung further suggested that the US and its allies South Korea, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines and Thailand along with partners like India and Indonesia should strengthen security cooperation, and ensure the sovereignty of all countries in the



Indo-Pacific, the report detailed.

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol had joined the NATO summit in Washington for the third time in July 2024 along with other allies of the Indo-Pacific region. While welcoming the Korean President to the summit, then NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg called South Korea a valued partner for their alliance and emphasised on deepening cooperation with the country.

"North Korea is delivering a significant amount of ammunition and military support to enable Russia to conduct its war of aggression against Ukraine. And we are deeply concerned about the possibility of Russia, in return, delivering support to North Korea's nuclear and missile programmes," said Stoltenberg. "The missile and nuclear programmes of North Korea are a threat to the region and also to global security. So this demonstrates how security in the Indo-Pacific

is closely intertwined with security in Europe," he added. Chung served seven terms in the National Assembly of South Korea. He was chairman of the Grand National Party (ruling party) from 2009-2010, and was a Presidential candidate in 2002. He also served as Vice President of FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association), and as co-chairman of the Korean Organising Committee for the 2002 Korea-Japan FIFA World Cup.

Sudanese Army reports advancements in fight against paramilitary forces

Khartoum, Feb 18 (TSIT) The Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) announced that its forces had made advancements in their fight against the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) on different fronts. In the fight in Bahri city, north of the capital Khartoum, the SAF has taken full control of the Kafouri area, the last stronghold of the RSF in the city.

"The SAF special forces at Al-Markhiat Military Base are advancing steadily ... in the Kafouri neighbourhood after successful, intense operations, cleaning the area of the militia forces," the SAF said in a statement on its Facebook page. The capture of the Kafouri area marks a significant milestone in the army's military campaign across the major cities of Khartoum, Omdurman, and Bahri.

Previously, Kafouri served as a key stronghold for the RSF and a platform for launching artillery attacks on army-held areas in Omdurman. In another development, the SAF announced that it had controlled Al-Rahad city in North Kordofan State follow-



ing fierce battles with the RSF that lasted for days. "The armed forces continue their victories, advancing along Al-Rahad axis in North Kordofan and decisively crushing the militia," the SAF said in another statement on its Facebook page on Monday. Ground units of the Sudanese army have been engaged in intense fighting in North Kordofan State in central Sudan, Xinhua news agency reported.

Al-Rahad is the second city in the state to be recaptured by the army, following the recovery of Um Ruwaba, the state's second-largest city, on January 30. Al-Rahad is located approximately 30 km west of El Obeid,

the capital of North Kordofan State, and holds significant strategic importance due to its position at the crossroads of major roads. It is also a vital station on Sudan's railway line, linking the west of the country to the eastern and central regions. Since January, the RSF has been withdrawing from several areas in central Sudan, losing control of strategic territories in Gezira and Sinnar states. Additionally, the RSF has lost key areas in Khartoum, including the Khartoum Oil Refinery in the Al-Jaili area, north of Bahri. Sudan has been gripped by a devastating conflict between the SAF and the RSF since mid-April 2023, which claimed more than 29,680 lives.

UN launches six billion-\$ humanitarian appeal for Sudan



Khartoum, Feb 17 (TSIT): The United Nations (UN) has launched a \$6 billion humanitarian appeal to assist nearly 26 million Sudanese affected by the ongoing conflict, both inside Sudan and in neighbouring countries, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) announced in a statement on Monday.

The statement announced the launch of the 2025 Sudan Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan and the Regional Refugee Response Plan, requiring 6 billion to assist nearly 21 million people inside Sudan and up to 5 million refugees in neigh-

boring countries.

"Sudan is a humanitarian emergency of shocking proportions," Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Tom Fletcher was quoted in the statement as saying "Famine is taking hold. An epidemic of sexual violence rages. Children are being killed and injured. The suffering is appalling. But our plan is a lifeline to millions," Fletcher said. The statement said the nearly two years of conflict have displaced a staggering 12 million people in Sudan and across borders.

Europe should continue supporting Ukraine, reject peace of dictate, says Scholz



Paris, Feb 18 (TSIT) German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said that Europe should continue to support Ukraine, emphasising that no peace of dictate can be imposed on the country. "Ukraine should have confidence in us. It is clear that we should continue to support Ukraine," Scholz said on Monday after attending an emergency meeting convened by French President Emmanuel Macron on the eve of the Russian-US talks set to take place Tuesday in Riyadh.

"No peace of dictate can be imposed on Ukraine... Ukraine cannot accept everything that is presented to it under any conditions," he added. The German chancellor urged Europe and the United States to act together for collective security. "There must be no division of security and responsibility between Europe and the US," he said. "NATO is based on the fact that we always act together and share the risks... This must not be called into question." Regarding reports on the

possibility of European countries sending ground troops to Ukraine as part of a "peacekeeping" mission, Scholz dismissed these discussions as "totally premature." However, he stated that European nations are prepared to "spend at least two per cent" of their gross domestic product on strengthening Europe's defence. "If European states spend more, Germany supports ensuring that this expenditure is not factored into European budget deficits calculations," he added.

Monday's gathering brought together leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the European Commission, along with representatives from European countries including France, Germany, Britain, Poland, Spain, Italy, Denmark and the Netherlands. The meeting aimed to coordinate a common European response ahead of the Russian-US talks. Neither Brussels nor Kiev has been invited to the negotiations.

India has arrived as a global player

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen last month announced that the first official foreign visit of the commission in her second term would be to India. On the same day, Marco Rubio held his first bilateral meeting as US secretary of state with Indian Minister of External Affairs S. Jaishankar.

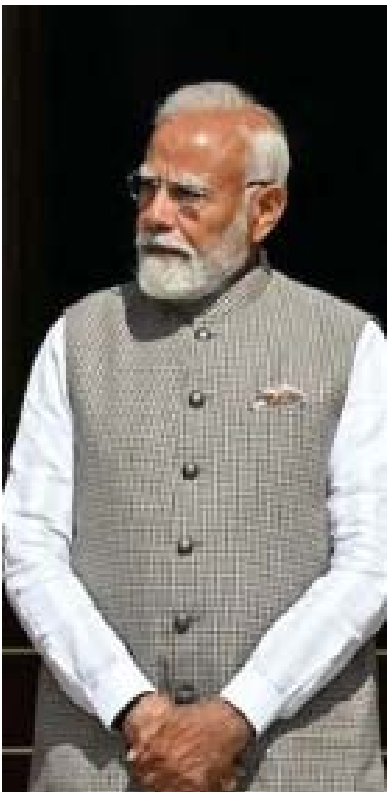
Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day visit to Washington last week confirmed his country's rising international profile. The visit ended with the promise of what Modi called a US-India "mega-partnership." As part of that partnership, he has committed to double trade with the US by 2030, increase oil and gas imports and expand US military sales to India.

India is the world's most populous country, home to more than 1.4 billion people with a median age of 29.8 years, compared to 38.9 in the US, 40.2 in China and 44.5 in the EU. This massive and relatively young population, together with a large and fast-growing information and communications technology sector, is supporting an economic boom: India is now the fastest-growing major economy, with the International Monetary Fund forecasting a 6.5

percent increase in gross domestic product this year. India is expected to overtake Japan and Germany to become the world's third-largest economy by 2030.

Despite its vast potential, India has long been overlooked by the West, both economically and geopolitically. But a fundamental global realignment is now underway. America's "unipolar moment" has given way to an era of great power competition that, unlike during the Cold War, features demands by emerging and developing economies for a more inclusive and representative multilateral system. In this multipolar age, both the US and Europe see India — a neutral foreign policy actor and dynamic emerging economy — as vital to the future of their strategic priorities.

A founder of the Non-Aligned Movement, India has plenty of experience navigating precarious moments in world affairs. During the Cold War, it skillfully balanced its policies toward the US and the Soviet Union. When it engaged with the Soviet Union — from which it received considerable military assistance — it calibrated its approach to offset US support of Pakistan, without taking sides in the great power com-



petition.

India has since maintained this pragmatic balancing act, adapting its foreign policy to a shifting geopolitical landscape. Today, that means recognizing its poten-

tial to shape global affairs, including by playing a leading role in building an efficient, realistic and inclusive multilateralism. This is reflected in Modi's pursuit of a more assertive, internationalist foreign policy. Beyond building new partnerships and strengthening old ones, Modi has sought to increase India's influence in traditional and emerging multilateral fora. In 2023 alone, India held the presidency of both the G20 and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (a Chinese creation, comprising nine Middle Eastern and Asian countries). In this multipolar age, both the US and Europe see India as vital to the future of their strategic priorities. And at a time of rapid geopolitical change, he is committed to leveraging his position, and India's profound strengths, to turn India into a global player. India has long had the potential to be an active shaper of international affairs. It has now arrived.

Moreover, India plays a leading role in BRICS, which, in addition to Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, now includes Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran and the UAE. India's approach to BRICS is characteristically nuanced: whereas Russia and, to

a significant extent, China see themselves as disruptors of the existing order, India views itself as a reformer. This enables it to maintain strategic flexibility as it advances its economic and diplomatic interests.

India's relationship with China is complicated by other factors. While the countries work together in some fora, they are also locked in protracted territorial disputes and a competition for leadership in the so-called Global South. And India's growing global clout — including its appeal to Western powers — stems in large part from its ability to act as a counterweight to China. The India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor was designed as an alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative and reflects India's centrality to global supply chains. India is also indispensable to the Quad alliance with Australia, Japan and the US — a grouping that is officially focused on maritime security and economic cooperation, though its members clearly seek to provide a buffer against China in the Indo-Pacific region. It is thanks to India — a rising "Southern" power — that the Quad is not viewed as just another Western vehicle. Modi has sought to bol-

ster India's Southern credentials, including by highlighting its status as the "mother of democracy." By framing democracy as intrinsic to Indian civilization, rather than a colonial legacy, he has aligned India with the middle powers that are now seeking to redefine global governance on their own terms.

To be sure, India has experienced a decisive shift since Modi became prime minister in 2014. He has moved the country away from the secular and pluralistic values that had flourished after independence in favor of an assertive Hindu nationalism. So many international indices have downgraded India's democratic status that he is now seeking to create his own.

But Modi — the second leader of independent India (after Jawaharlal Nehru) to be elected to three consecutive terms — remains a dominant force in Indian politics, as recent regional election results affirmed. And at a time of rapid geopolitical change, he is committed to leveraging his position, and India's profound strengths, to turn India into a global player. India has long had the potential to be an active shaper of international affairs. It has now arrived.



From Shubman Gill to Klaasen: 5 batters to watch out for in Champions Trophy

Dubai Feb 18 (TSIT) : The eight outfits of the Champions Trophy do not feature too many green-horns and it is highly unlikely that among the potential game-changers, at least in batting, any new face will be emerging. In the bowling department though, there could be some pacers, who could make the difference.

The PTI takes a look at five batters, who could be instrumental in their respective team's success.

Seven hundreds and 15 half-centuries at an eye-popping average of 60 and a fabulous strike-rate of 101 plus tells us that Gill has aced this format in the 50 ODIs that he has played. This is the format where he is possibly going to be the man, who would take over the baton from the peerless Virat Kohli. With Kohli and skipper Rohit Sharma, the two legends still around to guide him, this tournament could catapult Gill, transforming him from a superstar to a megastar.

TRAVIS HEAD (AUSTRALIA)
The last couple of years have been like a dream for the South Australian and ideally he would never like that to end. He has been India's nemesis for some-time now in the knock-outs and the highway like tracks in Pakistan will be the kind of surfaces where he can



murder the bowling at his own will. The Indian fans know that November 19, 2023 still hurts and Head has the ability to make the opposition's heart bleed.

SALMAN ALI AGHA (PAKISTAN)
An average of 45 plus is good without being exceptional but all those who has seen Salman Ali Agha bat recently will vouch that the 31-year-old Lahori is finally coming into his own. If the short tri-series was a trailer, then there are bigger things to come from his willow. He is a clean hitter and has a lot of time to play the pacers. The manner in which he controlled the proceedings in a 350-plus chase against

South Africa was exceptional.

DEVON CONWAY (NEW ZEALAND)
Conway's ODI career has been a short one with only 33 matches but in a short time, he has shown that he can take the game away in a flash with his ability to find the gaps at will. He is a superb batter against spinners and whether Pakistan or Dubai, the frequency of tours be it playing T20 league cricket or international games, makes him a good reader of the Asian conditions. If Conway gets going, half of New Zealand's job is done.

HEINRICH KLAASEN (SOUTH AFRICA)

Whether it is T20 or ODI format, when one speaks about game-changers, it is very difficult to leave out Heinrich Klaasen, who can send the ball soaring into orbit without much ado. He played one match in the tri-series but scored 87 off 56 balls, punishing a top-class Pakistan attack with minimum fuss. An impressive average of 44 plus and a strike-rate of 117.44 in 58 games signify solidity. He is another player, who understands how to attack on sub-continental tracks. Klaasen's battle against Adil Rashid and Adam Zampa would be worth watching.

Jarry reaches Rio Open last 16



Rio De Janeiro, Feb 18 (TSIT) Chile's sixth seed Nicolas Jarry recovered from a set down to beat Argentina's Juan Manuel Cerundolo and advance to the last 16 of the ATP 500 Rio Open. Jarry served 12 aces and won 73 percent of his first-serve points to prevail in two hours and 26 minutes on the outdoor clay of the Jockey Club Brasileiro on Monday.

"I got better as the match progressed," said the world No. 38. "But I'm still a long way from the level I know I'm capable of and the way I'm training. I'm doing everything within my control to regain my confidence and winning matches like this one certainly helps me." The 29-year-old will face Francisco Comesana in the next round on Wednesday after the Argentine defeated Brazil's Gustavo Heide 7-6(2), 6-7(7) and 6-3. The biggest surprise of Monday's matches was a 6-2, 7-5 victory by Chinese Taipei competitor Tseng Chun-hsin over third seed Alejandro Taballo of Chile. Others to progress to the round of 16 on Monday.

Shooting: Manu Bhaker named as BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year

London, Feb 18 (TSIT) Olympic shooter Manu Bhaker has been named BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year for 2024 after a global public vote. The 22-year-old was recognised for her historic achievement in becoming the first Indian woman to win two medals at a single Olympic Games, the BBC reported. Bhaker became the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal in shooting when she won bronze in the women's 10m air pistol in Paris. Two days later she won a second bronze - alongside Sarabjot Singh in the mixed 10m air pistol.

Bhaker has previously won the BBC's ISWOTY Emerging Athlete of the Year award.

On accepting her latest award, Bhaker said: "I have had a journey of ups and downs. I hope I can inspire women, all athletes and people with big dreams." "Your journey doesn't end if you are struggling. You write your own story."

Her fellow shooter Avani Lekhara was presented with the BBC ISWOTY Para-sportswoman of the Year award. The 23-year-old is the first Indian woman to win three Paralympic medals, with gold in Paris following a gold and bronze at Tokyo 2020. President Droupadi Murmu said: "I appreciate the entire team



of the BBC for the praiseworthy initiative of organising BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year.

"The extraordinary athletes who have been recognised through this initiative have not only excelled in their sports but have also inspired young women to pursue their dreams fearlessly."

BBC director general Tim Davie, who hosted the awards ceremony, said: "Manu Bhaker's historic Olympic performance is a defining moment for Indian sports. Her journey from

a promising young shooter to a record-breaking Olympian inspires athletes across the country and beyond. "We are also honoured to celebrate Avani Lekhara as the Para-sportswoman of the Year. Her resilience and record-breaking success continue to pave the way for greater inclusion and excellence in Para-sports. "The BBC's commitment to audiences in India makes our relationship here a special one, and we are proud to celebrate the achievements of India's incredible sportswomen."

2032 Brisbane Olympics venue plan to be announced on March 25



New Delhi, Feb 18 (TSIT) The Queensland government will announce the venue plan of the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games next month, ending more than 1,200 days of Games chaos. Brisbane secured the Games in 2021, but ongoing political disputes, especially over the main stadium and athletics venue, have delayed a final plan. After his election as Queensland Premier last November, David Crisafulli appointed a seven-member board to reassess venue options.

According to ABC News, an independent panel reviewing the Games infrastructure will submit its

report to the state government on March 8, offering recommendations on whether a new stadium should be constructed and the location for the athletics events.

Earlier this month, the Australian Olympic Committee CEO Matt Carroll stressed the need to decide on the main venues for the 2032 Olympics before the end of June.

The government will consult with Games partners, including the International Olympic Committee and the Commonwealth, before Cabinet approves the delivery plan on March 24, with the announcement scheduled for March 25. "Our delivery plan will provide a new way forward and get the Games back on track after three years of Labor delays and wrong priorities, there is little time to waste," Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie told state parliament on Tuesday.

Champions Trophy: India will feel Bumrah's absence 'very strongly', says Dhawan

New Delhi, Feb 18 (TSIT) Former India opener Shikhar Dhawan opines that Rohit Sharma-led side will "very strong" miss the absence of pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah in the ICC Champions Trophy. Bumrah was ruled out of the eight-team spectacle due to a lower back injury. Harshit Rana was named his replacement in India's squad.

"It is a great feeling to have the ICC Men's Champions Trophy back. I remember when I played in it for the first time in 2013, and I loved it, and there is already a buzz around this tournament," ICC quoted Dhawan as saying. "There is so much speculation and a lot of predictions, which is fun, and I can't look past India. I am quite confident about them, they have a solid team and played very well against England in their recent ODI series. My concern is they are going to miss Jasprit Bumrah, there



is no doubt he will be a big absence and I think they will feel it very strongly," he added. The southpaw said Bumrah is a vital asset for any team in major ICC events due to his unique bowling action and accuracy. "For me, he is the best bowler in the world,

and his accuracy is hard to replicate. He is also a very calm character and that is crucial in a huge ICC event like this." However, Dhawan expressed faith in Harshit to have a breakout tournament in Dubai after making his white-ball debuts against England in the recently concluded series. He grabbed nine scalps in four matches including three ODIs.

"At the same time, Harshit Rana has come into the side and I think that is really exciting - keep an eye on him, I think he could have a breakout tournament. I like his attitude, he is a go-getter and he is not afraid of anything. He accepts challenges and we have seen in the England series that he is in form. I am sure he will look to seize this opportunity and, if he does, he could provide a real x-factor for India," the former batter said. The 39-year-old is pleased with the form of Indian batters

including captain Rohit, Virat Kohli and Shubman Gill. "There are a lot of reasons to be optimistic for India. They have a very balanced side, especially with the bat - there is a nice blend of experience and youth. Shubman Gill, in particular, is so consistent and he has a big role to play. I think he will have a great tournament," Dhawan said. "Rohit Sharma has found form, Virat Kohli is there; they are a top side and will take some stopping."

"India did very well in the last Champions Trophy, but sadly ended up on the losing side in the final. But we played amazing cricket. There will be some amazing memories of that with the squad they know what they can do," the former opener added. India will begin their tournament with a clash against Bangladesh at Dubai International Stadium on February 20.

BWF Rankings: PV Sindhu slips to 15, Lakshya remain in top 10

Kuala Lumpur, Feb 18 (TSIT) Ace Indian shuttler PV Sindhu has dropped two places in the women's singles world rankings, according to the latest update released by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) on Tuesday. Two-time Olympic medallist Sindhu, who has just played two tournaments in 2025, dropped from world number 13 to world number 15 following her withdrawal from the Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships due to a niggle.

She reached the quarter-finals at the India Open Super 750 and lost in the first round of the Indonesia Masters Super 500. She is sitting at 15th spot with 57,190 points in the women's singles list, topped by her Korean opponent An Se young with 111,867 points. On the other hand, Malvika Bansod saw a jump of three spots to enter the top 30, sitting 28th with 44,752 points.

In the men's singles chart, Lakshya Sen remained India's top shuttler staying at



world number 10 with 63,668 points. HS Prannoy is 31 (44,662 points), China's Shi Yu Qi, who won the season opener Malaysia Open and finished third in Indonesia Masters, is topping the chart with 100,415 points.

Star men's doubles Indian pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, who had consecutive semifinal finishes in the Malaysia Open and India Open, continued to be at world number seven with 73,430 points. Danish duo of Kim Astrup and Anders Skaarup Rasmussen are on the men's doubles ranking summit with 94,903 points. The mixed pair of Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto has become the top mixed doubles pair in the country after the duo rose seven places to enter the top 30.

CHAMPIONS TROPHY:

With world-class batting, Kohli poses a stiff challenge to any bowler, says Rauf

Karachi, Feb 18 (TSIT) Ahead of the much-awaited clash between arch-rivals India and Pakistan in the Champions Trophy on Sunday, pacer Haris Rauf said that he is ready to face legendary batter Virat Kohli in the encounter, who smashed famous consecutive sixes against him in the 2022 T20 World Cup at Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Kohli's unbeaten 82 in that match steered India to an iconic victory and his dual sixes off Rauf also heaped him a plethora of praise on social media and from former cricketers. Recalling that moment, Rauf said that Kohli never teased him for hitting those sixes



in his over and added that the former India captain is a world-class player who can take charge on any bowler in the world. "Never, Kohli never said a word about those sixes and all the talk on social media is rubbish. Everyone praises Kohli for his batting and he is a world-

class player. I always have fun bonding with him," Rauf told Telecom Asia Sport. "With his world-class batting, Kohli poses a stiff challenge to any bowler and it's the same with me. I relish that challenge and when we play against India in Dubai come Sunday it will be a match full of challenges. The best thing about bowling to him is you learn a lot of things in that match," he added.

The 31-year-old, who is recovering from a side strain, is expected to be fit to play in the tournament opener against New Zealand in Karachi on Wednesday. "I am recovering well. I have bowled with speed in the

training session, so it looks good for Wednesday. I am satisfied with myself, but it will be up to the management to decide on my inclusion," Rauf said. The pacer feels Pakistan have enough spin-bowling options in Khushdil Shah and Salman Agha despite having the sole specialist spinner in their squad in Abrar Ahmed. "We do not have only one spinner. We can use Khushdil Shah and Salman Agha and whoever is in good form will be useful," he said. "Pakistan is staging a global event after a long, long time so it's my wish that I play a part in the team's triumph and we can defend our title," Rauf added.

NZ pacer Ferguson ruled out with foot injury, Jamieson named replacement

Karachi, Feb 18 (TSIT) New Zealand suffered another injury blow ahead of their ICC Champions Trophy 2025 campaign as the fast bowler Lockie Ferguson has been ruled out of the tournament with a foot injury. Ferguson felt some pain in his right foot after bowling a spell in the informal warm-up match against Afghanistan in Karachi on Sunday and an initial medical assessment indicated he would not be fit enough to take part in the entire tournament.

Given the proximity to the start of the Champions Trophy and the short nature of the tournament, the decision was made to send Ferguson home



to begin rehabilitation, the New Zealand Cricket said.

It added that fast bowler Kyle Jamieson will replace Ferguson in the squad and will depart for Pakistan this evening. The Event Technical Committee of the ICC

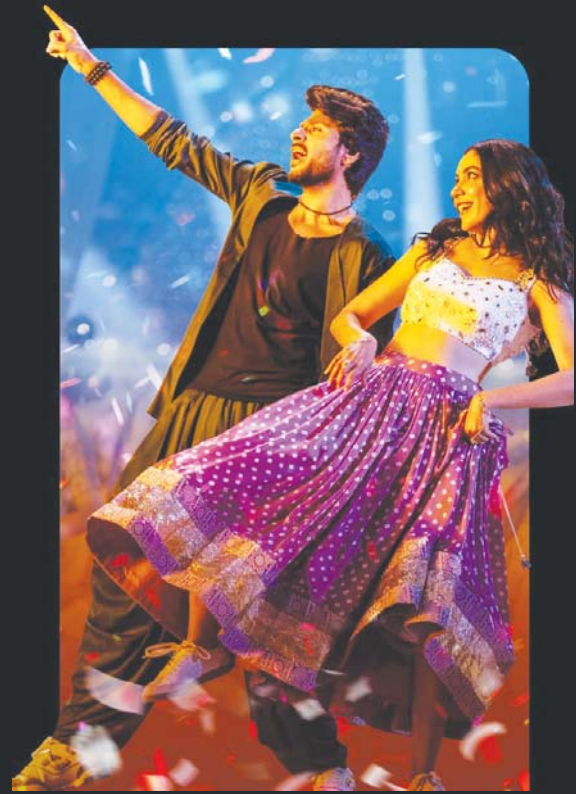
Men's Champions Trophy 2025 has approved Jamieson as a replacement for Ferguson in the New Zealand squad. Jamieson returned to domestic cricket for the Canterbury Kings in the Super Smash in December, following a 10-month stint on the sideline rehabilitating a stress fracture in his back. He played a key role as the Kings reached the Grand Final, finishing as the competition's joint second leading wicket-taker with 14 wickets, including figures of 4-12 against the Central Stags at Hagley Oval. He featured in Canterbury's Round 8 Ford Trophy match against the Central Stags last week as well as Round 9 win over Northern

Districts in Hamilton. Ferguson became the second Kiwi to be ruled out of the mega event, as the New Zealand already lost pacer Ben Sears due to a hamstring injury earlier this week with seamer Jacob Duffy coming in as a replacement. New Zealand head coach Gary Stead said it was tough news for Ferguson and the team. "We're really disappointed for Lockie," said Stead. "Lockie is a key part of the bowling group and brings a lot of major tournament experience and we know how much he was looking forward to representing New Zealand at another major event. We wish him well for his recovery and hope he is back firing soon."



Sundeep Kishan's 'Majaka' gets U/A certificate, releases energetic song 'Pagili'

People's Star Sundeep Kishan's most awaited 30th movie 'Majaka' is creating huge buzz. Directed by Trinadha Rao Nakkina, the teaser and songs of this movie have received tremendous response. The movie is being produced by Rajesh Danda in collaboration with AK Entertainments, Hasya Movies, and Zee Studios. Co-producer is Balaji Gutta. Ritu Varma is playing the heroine in Majaka, and Rao Ramesh and Anshu play key roles. Recently, 'Majaka' has completed its censoring. The censor board has given the film a U/A certificate. The censor members have expressed their response to the movie team that the film has out-and-out entertainment, healthy comedy, and entertainment is very good. Today, the makers released the song 'Pagili' from the movie. Leon James composed this song as a mass dance number. Sung by Mahalingam, Sahithi Chaganti, and Prabha with powerful vocals, the lyrics provided by Kasarla Shyam and Prasanna Kumar Bezawada further elevated the masses. This song features Sundeep Kishan's energetic mass dance moments. Sundeep Kishan and Ritu Varma's chemistry is amazing. Shot on massive and vibrant sets, the visuals in this song are colorful. Shekhar's master choreography is graceful. This song is sure to mesmerize the masses in the theaters. The already released teaser of Majaka has raised expectations for the film by providing out and out entertainment. The first single Bachelor's Anthem and the second single Baby Maa have become chartbuster hits. Writer Prasanna Kumar Bezawada, who has collaborated with Trinadha Rao Nakkina on successful projects, is writing the story, screenplay and dialogues for Majaka. Nizar Shafi has provided excellent cinematography for the film, while Brahma Kadali is handling the art direction and Prithvi is supervising the stunts. Majaka will hit theaters on the 26th of this month, on the occasion of Maha Shivaratri.



Actress Hebah Patel inaugurates Amjad Habib Premium Salon in Kokapet

Celebrity hair stylist Amjad Habib has expanded his premium salon franchise to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, launching a new branch in Hyderabad's Kokapet. The grand inauguration was graced by actress Hebah Patel.

With a 100-year legacy in hair-styling, Amjad Habib Salons are known for expert haircare, premium products, and the latest beauty trends. The brand, which has trained over 3.5 lakh students, also conducts social welfare training programs, including in Tihar Jail and for sex



workers, to create employment opportunities.

Amjad Habib, former personal stylist to Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and Bollywood celebrities, emphasized plans for further expansion across Hyderabad. Business Head Mahesh K highlighted the franchise's 360-degree support system, including manpower hiring and operational excellence.

With this launch, Amjad Habib Premium Salons continue their mission of bringing top-tier hair-styling services to more cities, welcoming franchise partners in major potential locations.

Kiran Abbavaram's 'DilRuba' Impresses as an Intense Musical Love Story – 'Hey Jingili' Song Launched!



The much-anticipated romantic drama DilRuba, starring Kiran Abbavaram and Rukshar Dhillon, is set for a grand theatrical release on March 14, coinciding with Holi. The second single from the film, Hey Jingili, was launched today at a special event in Hyderabad, drawing praise for its vibrant choreography

and emotional depth. Produced by Sivam Celluloids, Saregama, and A Yoodle Film, DilRuba is helmed by director Viswa Karun. At the event, producer Ravi expressed his excitement about the film's production quality and its universal appeal despite not being a pan-India release.

Choreographer Eshwar Penti highlighted the urban-

style dance steps performed by Kiran Abbavaram, while lyricist Bhaskara Batla shared insights on how Hey Jingili came to life with Sam CS's mesmerizing composition.

Lead actress Rukshar Dhillon described DilRuba as a film filled with deep emotions and pure love, urging audiences to watch it in theaters on March 14. Hero

Kiran Abbavaram emphasized the film's intense narrative, action sequences, and powerful music, expressing confidence that the audience will connect with its emotional storytelling.

With chartbuster tracks like Aggipulle and the newly released Hey Jingili, DilRuba is shaping up to be a musical and visual treat for moviegoers.

Bandi Sanjay unveils Thakita Thadhimi Thandana teaser

The grand release of unique youth entertainer, "Thakita Thadhimi Thandana," is set for February 27 across both Telugu states and overseas. The first look poster of the film was unveiled by Telangana State Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat. Now, BJP senior leader and Union Minister Bandi Sanjay has officially released the teaser. Praising the teaser for its appeal to both youth and family audiences, Bandi Sanjay expressed his best wishes for the film's grand success. Starring "Murder" fame Ghana Aditya and newcomer Priya in the lead roles, the film is directed by young talent Raj Lohith. Produced by Chandan Kumar Koppula under the Yellow Mango Entertainment banner, the movie has completed all formalities and is set for release on February 27. The film will be distributed by Cinetaria Media Works. The film's crew includes PR: Dheeraj Appaji, Music Composer: Naren Reddy, Editor: Hari Shankar, Cinematographer: P.N. Anjan, Lyricist: Sreshtha, and Co-writer: Dilip Arunkonda!



"Deeksha" Movie Ready for Release Soon



Under the banner of RK Films, Dr. Prathani Ramakrishna Goud has directed the film "Deeksha" with Kiran and Alekhya Reddy as the lead pair. The movie, which also stars Aks Khan, Tulasi, and Anusha

in key roles, is a love and action entertainer. The shooting has been completed, and the film is ready for release. Speaking on this occasion, director and producer Dr. Prathani Ramakrishna Goud shared, "Our

film revolves around the theme that anything can be achieved with determination and dedication. We have crafted this movie as a love and action entertainer. The shooting took place in beautiful locations around Hyderabad. The songs have come out wonderfully, and I am confident this film will bring good recognition to our banner."

The film blends love, action, and a mythological touch. Actor Kiran has delivered an outstanding performance in the role of Bheema, reminiscent of veteran actor Srihari. The director expressed confidence that Kiran would gain fame and recognition through this movie.

Aks Khan has dazzled with her unique style in a special dance number. The film's technical team worked with great dedication. Music director Raj Kiran has composed five excellent songs, with renowned singers like Madhupriya lending their voices. The background score (RR) will be a major highlight of the movie. The film features five action-packed fight sequences. The producer, Dr. Prathani Ramakrishna Goud, who has produced 40 films under the RK Films banner, expressed confidence that "Deeksha" will be another super hit for their production house. Plans are underway for a grand worldwide release soon. Rishi is the production executive of this film.

Rashmika Mandanna to Star Opposite Ram Charan for Sukumar's Next?

Global Star Ram Charan is in desperate need of a hit. After Game Changer's failure, the Tollywood star wants to get back on the success train soon. While Buchi Babu Sana's project seems highly exciting, all eyes are on Charan's movie with Sukumar. If we go back, SS Rajamouli was the main reason behind the hype for this movie. In a release event, the maverick filmmaker raved about the movie after hearing about Ram Charan's introduction scene from Sukumar.

Since then, Mega fans have been buzzing with excitement over this project and since Charan and Sukumar are on great terms, this movie will immediately take off once the hero is done shooting for Buchi Babu's sports drama.

For this movie, it's being reported that Sukumar is breaking a life-long tradition of his. As a director, Sukumar has a track record of not repeating his heroines. Right from Kajal Aggarwal to Tamannah to Rakul Preet Singh, the director never repeated his female leads for his next film.

Looks like Sukumar is all set to break his habit for Ram Charan. If reports are to be believed, Indian Cinema's lucky charm Rashmika Mandanna is all set to romance the Global Star in Sukumar's next. Charan doesn't want to take a chance on casting and is supposed to have recommended Rashmika's name to the director.

It remains to be seen if Sukumar also



breaks another tradition of his, that is to not have Devi Sri Prasad as the music composer. Even though it was not a fallout, Pushpa-2 did a lot of damage to Devi's image as a composer and while everything went smoothly in the end, the reputation that he gave delayed output will have its impact on the industry.

Sukumar and Devi Sri Prasad go way back and the director has made it evident on multiple occasions that he cannot do a film without Devi in it. Well, he is all set to break his heroine rule for Ram Charan, if the hero insists, will he snub Devi Sri Prasad too? Only time will tell.

The Second edition of the Hybiz.TV Realty Awards was held with grandeur. The event took place at HICC Novotel in Hyderabad on 13th February 2025. As part of the event, awards were presented to organizations and individuals who have made significant contributions to the real estate sector. More than 40 awards were distributed, and 12 individuals received the prestigious Legend Award.

The event was graced by prominent personalities such as actor, producer, politician, and Legendary Actor, Businessman **Shri Maganti Murali Mohan**, along with **Shri Amer Ali Khan** (MLC & News Editor – The Siasat Daily), **Shri C. Sekhar Reddy** (National Vice Chairman – IGBC-CII), **Shri V. Rajasekhara Reddy** (President – CREDAI Hyderabad), **Shri Vijay Vardhan Rao** (Senior President, Marketing – Maha Cement), **Shri V. Narasimha Reddy** (Director – Veera RMC), **Shri M. Raj Gopal** (Managing Director – Hybiz TV & Telugu Now), **Dr. J. Sandhya Rani** (Managing Director – Hybiz TV LLP), and others.

Murali Mohan expressed his delight in the recognition of

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significant contributions within the real estate sector by the Hybiz.TV Realty Awards. He stated that such recognition would encourage individuals and organizations in the industry. He also congratulated Hybiz.TV for organizing such a prestigious event. Murali Mohan emphasized that construction projects that make India proud are being carried out in Hyderabad. He noted that, in the past, companies from Malaysia, Singapore, and Dubai were involved in construction works in the city, but now local leaders are exceptional in constructing humongous projects. He expressed optimism that within the next two years, 100-storied buildings will be constructed in Hyderabad. Murali Mohan also mentioned that significant improvements in venture construction and infrastructure development have taken place over the years, marking a positive shift in the industry.

This event marks the second edition of the Hybiz.TV Realty Awards, a significant recognition in the real estate sector. After the successful first edition last year, this year's event followed the same exemplary standards, celebrating the best in the industry.

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BEST ORGANIZATION ALEKHYA HOMES	BEST ORGANIZATION CYBERTY BUILDERS & DEVELOPERS GREEN BUILDING PROJECT OF THE YEAR	BEST ORGANIZATION SUCHIRINDIA INFRA-TECH EXCELLENCE IN HOSPITALITY & RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT	BEST ORGANIZATION RUBRICK CONSTRUCTIONS EMERGING LUXURY RESIDENTIAL PROJECT (RUBRICK TULIP) OF THE YEAR	BEST ORGANIZATION TANYA'S INFRA-MOST PREFERRED BRAND BY REAL ESTATE SECTOR	BEST ORGANIZATION CELEBRATION MAKERS(AURA ESTATES N ESCAPES) CONSULTANT COMPANY OF THE YEAR
BEST ORGANIZATION PROPERTY SR VENTURE PVT LTD-MEDIATING SERVICES IN REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY	BEST ORGANIZATION VIYA VENTURES-INNOVATIVE CONCEPT PROJECT OF THE YEAR	BEST ORGANIZATION CYBERTY BUILDERS & DEVELOPERS SUSTAINABLE PROJECT OF THE YEAR	BEST ORGANIZATION SRIAS LIFE SPACES-DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR(RESIDENTIAL)	BEST ORGANIZATION ONECENT HOMES PVT LTD-BEST REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF THE YEAR	BEST ORGANIZATION DIVI INFRA-EMERGING DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR-COMMERCIAL
BEST ORGANIZATION ACE VENTURES INDIA PVT LTD-BEST AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION	BEST ORGANIZATION AADITRI GROUP	BEST ORGANIZATION RENIES GROUP	BEST ORGANIZATION VISHNU GROUP	BEST ORGANIZATION GOLDENKEY	BEST ORGANIZATION RAJA INFRA DEVELOPERS
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